

# Immigration Seeks Funds To Battle Sneak Flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The immigration service was reported planning to ask today for an extra half million dollars for expanded operations against sneak flights between Florida and Cuba.

U.S. investigators declined to rule out the possibility that the American private plane forced down in Cuba Monday was really on a Cuban-inspired mission designed to embarrass the United States.

The investigators said not enough facts in the case have been pinned down yet to warrant any official conclusion.

Machine-gun bullets from a Cuban army patrol forced a low-

flying U.S.-based private plane to make an emergency landing Monday near Matanzas. Cuban authorities said the small craft was headed for a rendezvous with a former colonel in ex-president Fulgencio Batista's police force. The Cubans said they also found documents in the plane that they claimed proved participation in a fire-bombing raid on Cuban sugar cane fields. The fliers contended they were only on a fishing trip.

The two Americans involved were Howard Louis Rundquist of San Rafael, Calif., and Miami, and William J. Shergales, West Hollywood, Fla. Rundquist, wounded in the right foot when he tried to flee, was taken to a Matanzas military hospital. Shergales was held at military headquarters in Havana.

An immigration service spokesman said the Senate Appropriations Committee would be asked for a supplemental fund of \$500,000 for stepped-up enforcement against illegal Florida-Cuba flights.

Last fall the service put an extra 100 agents on the job in Florida to stop sneak flights to Cuba.

Wednesday the Federal Aviation Agency announced a multi-agency tightening of controls, including setting up a flight information center at immigration service headquarters in Miami.

The center would be a central receiving point for information about flights from the Southeastern United States to foreign countries. Airfield operators and plane rental agencies will be asked to give data on customers not well known to them.

The Customs Bureau will offer up to \$5,000 reward for information leading to seizure of arms to be exported illegally by air and the conviction of persons involved. Aircraft operators are to be warned of penalties for illegal flights.

The Miami Herald Wednesday raised the possibility that Monday's incident was really a frame-up aimed at the United States.

It quoted a federal investigator as saying one of the two Floridians aboard the small craft was a close friend of a Miami registered as a Fidel Castro agent.

One of the gaps in information available here was said to be an accounting of where the plane went after it first took off from an airfield near Miami. The plane was said to have left at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. It was not forced down by Cuban bullets until about 16 hours later, investigators said.

# Crews Seek Crash Victim

COOS BAY (AP) — Two officers and three men are searching for the remains of an airman who was killed in the crash of an Air Force plane 40 miles east of here 15 years ago.

Three airmen from the Hauser Air Force Station have joined Maj. Donald Herman and Capt. Ellsworth Manier of Portland in seeking the remains of Sgt. Robert T. W. Neal of Los Angeles.

Other crew members of the plane were located after they bailed out in the 1945 crash. A few months ago Neal's parachute was found snagged in a big fir tree in the area.

Now Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. is logging in the vicinity of the tree, and the Air Force hopes that clearing of downed trees and other debris will turn up Neal's remains.

# Rock 'N' Rollers Play In Dorris

Leon Smith and his Orbit Rockers will appear in the Rod Barn in Dorris for a show and dance from 9 p.m. Saturday until 1 a.m. Sunday.

Smith is best known for his rock 'n' roll renditions of "Little Forty Ford" and a new record release, "Honey, Honey."

The five Orbits will bring Vocalist Kay Johnson. They and Smith have toured the area before with Duane Eddy, Gene Vincent and other musicians.

Pee Wee Stidham and his Butte Valley Rangers, who usually play for regular Saturday dances at the barn will appear in Canby that night for a firemen's ball.

# Klamath Student Champions Demo

Suzanne Brouillard of Klamath Falls, a student at the University of Oregon, has been named co-secretary of a newly formed Students for Kennedy committee on the campus.

The organization is dedicated to supporting Sen. John Kennedy's campaign for the U.S. presidency.

# Tulelake Seniors To Be Hosts

TULELAKE—The senior class of the Tulelake High School will be host at the 1960 Cabaret Saturday night March 26, one of the highlights of the last half of the school year. This year's theme will be Hawaiian.

The party to include a floor show, dancing and light refreshments will be held in the fairgrounds.

Bill Bruno is senior class president.

# Blast Destroys Five Houses

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP) — A group of five row houses was destroyed Wednesday by an explosion and gas-fueled fire.

Four persons were burned, two seriously, and a policeman assisting at the scene suffered a fatal heart attack.

Fire Department officials said the explosion evidently occurred from a leaking gas pipe at one of the houses. That home was knocked flat, two houses on either side of it were left uninhabitable and three others were damaged. The dead officer was Patrolman Carroll B. Kaiser, 53.

# Snow Report

NEW PINE CREEK — Eugene and Richard Lawson, accompanied by Garland Cundiff and Ransome Steward, worked their way up as far as Poison Lake, about two-thirds the distance to the lake one day last week. They said snow there was about three feet deep. Steward hiked on up to Lily Lake, where the snow pack measured four and a half feet. He reported the pack was not very firm.

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# Republican Sees Failure On Effort To Force Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key House Republican forecast failure today for a Democrat's effort to force a House vote this session on government paid old-age health benefits.

Rep. John W. Byrnes of Wisconsin, chairman of the House GOP Policy Committee and a ranking Ways and Means Committee member, made the prediction in connection with a bill by Rep. Anne J. Forand (D-R.I.). The Forand bill would give Social Security pensioners up to 120 days a year of hospital, nursing home and surgical care as an additional benefit financed by Social Security payroll taxes.

Forand, who now lacks the necessary vote to get his bill out of the Ways and Means Committee, has announced he will file a petition next week to put the measure before the House. The action would require the signatures of a majority, or 219 of the 437 House members.

"I'll be surprised if he gets over 100 signatures, and he won't get

# Bids Invited

PORTLAND (AP) — Bids are being invited by the Bureau of Land management for aerial spraying of rodent poison over 4,700 acres in the Coos Bay and Roseburg forest districts.

The project is part of the bureau's reforestation program. It is to halt destruction of seedling trees by rodents.

# Fire Hydrant Protection Scanned By County Court

Residents of the South Suburban Area may be asked soon whether or not they want the protection of fire hydrants over most of the area.

The matter was discussed at length before the county court Wednesday by 17 representatives of the city and county planning commissions, Suburban Fire District, insurance bureaus, water company, and other interested persons.

A decision was to ask directors of the South Suburban Rural Fire Protection District whether residents wished hydrants, and their additional cost. The county is to provide legal steps for authorizing hydrants if people want them.

Glenn Bowen, manager of the Oregon Water Company here, said hydrants would cost \$40 a year rental and he thought would pay for themselves in lower insurance rates. However he said all the present suburban fire district could not be covered completely.

He said hydrants could be installed on Shasta Way to Ward Street, South Sixth to Patterson Street, Altamont to Maryland, Summers Lane to the county home, Bristol Avenue, Washburn Way if desired, and on numerous lesser streets. But in some areas main sizes and water pressures would prohibit hydrants.

Ed Marqueling of Portland, representing the Oregon Insurance Rating Bureau, said homes within 300 feet of a hydrant would

benefit by lesser insurance costs, homes 300 feet or more from a hydrant would not.

It was pointed out that homes beyond 300 feet, however, could benefit by better protection.

Suburban Fire Chief Buster Gordon said no dwelling ever has been lost in a fire by lack of water. He said the district takes to a fire one or more of its one 1,600-gallon pumper, two 750-gallon pumpers, one 350-gallon pumper and one 15-gallon pumper.

Fred Hoagland, a member of the city planning commission, suggested that suburban residents be asked first. One member suggested that hydrants will cost more money, to be collected some way, and people must be asked to determine their wishes.

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